

REMARKS

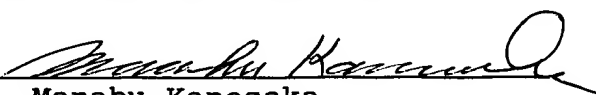
In response to the final Action of February 20, 2002, an amendment after final Action was filed on May 9, 2002, wherein the subject matter of claim 14 depending from claim 1 was incorporated into claim 1. However, in the advisory Action of June 14, 2002, it was held that the amendment introduced new issue.

In the amendment, since the subject matter of claim 14 depending from claim 1 was simply entered into claim 1, the amendment does not introduce new issue. Therefore, this matter was discussed with supervisor, Mr. Robert Olszewski, wherein it was informed that if the amendment is permitted, for example, in considering claim 2 rejected by two references in the final Action, claim 2 must be considered by another reference for rejection of claim 14 in addition to the two references, which was not considered in the final Action, so that the amendment introduced new issue, and that if claim 1 is incorporated into claim 14, the amendment will be permitted without new issue.

In view of the above situation, the second amendment has been filed, wherein the subject matter of claim 1 has been incorporated into claim 14.

As explained in the remarks filed on May 9, 2002, claims 1 and 14 as well as other claims pending in the application are patentable over the prior art of record.

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14.(amended) [The] An airbag [as claimed in claim 1, wherein] comprising:

a first panel and a second panel, which have peripheral portions having inner surfaces facing and connected to each other,

elastic adhesive disposed between the inner surfaces of the first and second panels at the peripheral portions to connect the first and second panels, and

a yarn sewed along the peripheral portions within a range of the width of the elastic adhesive to connect the first and second panels together with the elastic adhesive, said adhesive [is] being adhered not only to the peripheral portions of the panels where they are sewn each other but also to a neighborhood thereof inside the airbag[,] so that when the first and second panels are pulled in inflating the airbag, the elastic adhesive in the neighborhood [peels and absorbs] is pulled outwardly to absorb an expansion force and stress applied thereto [when the airbag is inflated].